



WHAT'S NEW?

This is a publication for residents of Red Oak Hills to keep us up to date on our community and to provide a forum for sharing information.

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MEET THE GREEN FAMILY



Meet David and Samantha Green and their 16 year old son Caleb. David is a Business Analyst (BA) for FreightQuote.com in Lenexa. Samantha is a Help Desk Support Analyst for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Kansas City. She was also in the Air Force with the 442 command post out of Whiteman Air Force base in Knob Nester, Missouri, supporting the A-10 air craft.

The Green family moved here from Oreland Park in June, 2011. They have a Chihuahua by the name of Salina, and a black cat called Bagheera.

David enjoys Chess very much. He also studies math and science just for fun. Samantha loves to walk her dog and scan photos to make "Shutter fly" photo books, and cooking. Halloween is her favorite holiday. They both enjoy having their nieces (who are 5 and 8 years old) over every other week end.

We hope the Green's are happily settled in their new home in Red Oak Hills.



IOWA TREE CLIMBING CHAMPION

Des Moines, Iowa - September 16, 2011

Brandon Hendrickson, President of K.C. Arborist, set out to obtain the coveted Iowa Tree Climbing Competition Championship. This is not an easy task. Brandon completed the "Aerial Rescue" event very smoothly with a 2nd Place finish and then finished the "Speed Climb" in 36.59 seconds. He then finished the day with a blazing run in the "Work Climb" with a fastest time of the day (3 minutes 07 seconds), placing him 1st in the event. After a day of competition, Brandon was named the 2011 Overall Champion!!!

The Work Climb is best related to an obstacle course in a tree. Brandon had to perform tree related duties, all under the guidelines and safety restrictions set up for

Arborists, as quickly as possible. The Speed Climb is just that! Brandon had to climb to the top and ring a bell.

Congratulations, Brandon!



YOUR INVITATION TO FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

The ROH Holiday Party will be December 6, 2011 at 6pm at the Shawnee Civic Center at Johnson Drive and Pflumm. Hy Vee will provide the meat, potatoes, and plastic ware.

Homeowners who have odd numbered homes are asked to bring a veggie dish. Homeowners who have even numbered homes are asked to bring desert. Santa will make an appearance. This is a great opportunity to meet more of your neighbors and celebrate the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Within our neighborhood there are two boy scouts that are preparing to do a high adventure Boy Scout trip early next year. This rare opportunity will include sailing thru [the Bahamas](#) for several days among other things. As one would guess this high adventure equates to a high budget as well. The two troops involved with this have chosen to sell live Christmas trees, wreaths and [garland](#) as a fund raising project. This project has generated a lot of excitement due to the fact that the product is of great quality and is something that buyers will be purchasing any way.

Here are the details. They are selling "pre sale" orders in which you have 3 different trees to choose from in sizes from 5' to 10' tall. After the trees are delivered, buyers will go to the tree lot at Good Shepherd Church and pick out the exact tree they want. The prices of the trees will be comparable or even less than what others sell for in the area. They start at \$36 for a 5' tree. In addition, live wreaths and garland will also be for sale.

If you are interested in purchasing or helping these boys, please contact:

Scout Mark Petrie
Parents Pat and Mary Pat
913-268-3238
Patpetriefamily@aol.com

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ON MIDLAND AT 435

Wondering when all the construction equipment will be gone? Here is the message we received from KDOT on Oct 24th: "If everything goes ok we will be finished on 435 by the end of next week. It will take them a little time to clean up and restore the area but I would think about a month from now we should be out of there."

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SHAWNEE POLICE DEPT

“Hi and thanks for taking time to read this notice. Every year at about this time, the Shawnee Police Department sees an increase in the number of auto thefts. The increase is due to people warming their cars up in the morning and leaving them unattended and running. I am asking you all share this bulletin with your residents. We are hoping that the friendly reminder will keep our residents from being victimized.”

CURBS IN NEED OF REPAIR

Here is the City of Shawnee’s response to our request for action regarding our streets:

“Thank you for bringing the deteriorated curb and gutter to our attention again. A priority work order has been in our system since June 16th to address the deteriorated curb and gutters along 69th. We currently have a backlog of 190 pavement, curb, gutter, and sidewalk work orders in the system and it may take another 4 to 6 weeks before it is temporarily asphalt patched. I will also recommend replacement of the curb and gutter on a future contract when funding allows. Please feel free to contact Randy Martin, Public Works Coordinator at rmartin@cityofshawnee.org if you would like to inquire about the scheduling of this work.”

Note: Patching is being done on 69th Street and Red Oak Drive. Shawnee has a Citizen's Service Request program that allows any citizen to request a repair. It can be accessed through the city's website at cityofshawnee.org

RECYCLING TIPS

Wondered what to do with hanger bags from the cleaners? Save yourself some money by tying a knot in the "hanger hole" end and use the bag for a kitchen trash container insert. It is the perfect size for a 13 gallon container.

Reuse all plastic bags when possible. Recycle grocery store bags by dropping them in the bins provided at most grocery stores. Plastic bags cannot be recycled in the yellow carts because they get caught in the gears of the processing machinery.

ARE YOU A VETEREN?

HyVee provides a free breakfast to veterans on Veteran’s Day, [Nov 11th](#). Last year over 600 veterans were fed at the HyVee store on Pflumm and Shawnee Mission Parkway. A brass band from Shawnee Mission North West played patriotic marches.

DON'T FORGET TO ANSWER THE SURVEY

The Board is looking for homeowner direction on a couple of matters and has published a survey on the internet. If you have not already done so, please respond to the survey by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GQJHYQ2>. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard on these matters. Please give us your comments on these three issues and any others.

CLASSIFIEDS

If you are a resident and have something to sell or you have a service like babysitting or lawn mowing, you can send an e mail to Gary Turner for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

BABY SITTING

Baili McPheeters is interested in babysitting .Baili babysits for other families in the neighborhood. She is 16 and attends Shawnee Mission Northwest. Call 766-6862.

ROH RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Have a favorite recipe you want to share? Email nkoporc@att.net and you may be published.

SKILLET PASTA WITH MOZZARELLA

2 cups chopped tomatoes
½ cup chopped onion
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tbsp olive oil
1 can tomato sauce (8 oz)
2 tsp Italian seasoning
¼ tsp each crushed fennel seed and pepper
Fresh basil leaves, chopped
8 oz rigatoni, cooked and drained
2 cups mozzarella cheese

Cook and stir tomatoes, onion, and garlic in oil in large skillet 4 minutes or until onion is tender. Stir in tomato sauce and seasonings. Cook over low heat 4 minutes. Add rigatoni; mix lightly. Cook 2 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Top with cheese; cover. Cook 1 minute more or until cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings.